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Respectfully submitted,

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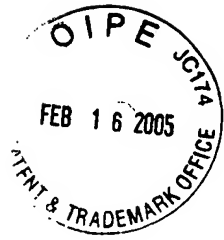
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes amendments to the claims and remarks.